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1. BOEING SERVICES INTERNATIONAL'S TURKISH ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO APPEAR AT OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OR COURTS IN SINOP DUE TO THE SETTING UP OF A HUMAN BARRICADE 100 METERS FROM THE GATE AT SINOP. THIS HUMAN BARRICADE IS ILLEGAL BUT NONE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (POLICE, MAYOR OR GOVERNOR) WILL DO ANYTHING TO REMOVE IT; THEY APPEAR TO BE CONDONING IT. UNION OFFICIALS AT THE BARRICADE DESIRE TO CONTROL ALL ACCESS IN OR OUT OF SINOP OF NON-TURKISH MILITARY PERSONNEL. AFTER REFUSING FOR HOURS TO PERMIT TWO AAFES TRUCKS TO ENTER THE BASE, TRUCKS WERE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO IZMIR BUT NOT REPEAT NOT UNTIL ONE TRUCKLOAD OF FROZEN FOOD HAD SPOILED. TURKISH MILITARY COMMANDER IN A COUPLE OF INSTANCES HAS BROKEN THE BLOCKADE TO PERMIT, FOR EXAMPLE,

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17 MILITARY AMERICANS AND DEPENDENTS TO LEAVE THE BASE FOR

THE AIRPORT.

2. HUMAN BARRICADE WAS BEGUN DURING THE MORNING HOURS OF JULY 30 AND WE PROTESTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH INVESTIGATED. REPORTEDLY, THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, SEYFI OZTURK (AN OLD LABOR MINISTER AND GOVERNMENT LABOR MEDIATOR), STATED THAT THIS WAS A LAW AND ORDER MATTER; HE SAID WOULD REQUEST THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR TO HAVE THE BLOCKADE REMOVED. HOWEVER, THE BLOCKADE STILL EXISTS AND A SECOND APPEAL TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE THIS MORNING HAS SO FAR STILL BROUGHT ABOUT NO REPEAT NO RESULTS IN LIFTING HUMAN BARRICADE.

3. MAYOR OF SINOP HAS AGAIN OFFERED HIS SERVICES TO MEDIATE AND TUSLOG/BOEING HAVE INSTRUCTED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SPOT AGAIN TO SIGN A CONTRACT RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1 WITH THE SAME BENEFITS ACCORDED TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE WORKERS UNION.

4. FROM TWO DIFFERENT SOURCES WE HAVE LEARNED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONFEDERATION OF REVOLUTIONARY REFORMISTS TRADE UNIONS (DISK) HAVE APPEARED ON THE SCENE TO ASSIST THE LOCAL SAVA-IS UNION IN CONDUCTING THE STRIKE; QUID-PRO QUO IS PRESUMABLY TO GIVE DISK AN ENTRANCE INTO THE DEFENSE WORKERS ORGANIZING FIELD, SOMETHING THAT IT HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT FOR YEARS.

COMMENT: US CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MORALE ON BASE REMAINS HIGH. TURKISH BASE COMMANDER IS PROVIDING EXCELLENT SECURITY ON BASE, BUT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT INTERFERE IN SECURITY OUTSIDE THE BASE. THERE APPEARS TO BE LOCAL CONSPIRACY TO PREVENT BOEING LAWYERS FROM GOING TO LOCAL COURTS, AND IN PERMITTING UNION OFFICIALS TO CONTINUE WITH HUMAN BARRICADE. TURKISH RURAL POLICE (JANDARMA) ON OTHER HAND ARE READY TO BREAK UP BARRICADE, IF NEWLY ARRIVED GOVERNOR ON JULY 24 WOULD GIVE ORDERS. MACOMBER

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